



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 9-10 and 16-25 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9 and 10 are amended; and Claims 7-8 and 11-12 are canceled by the present amendment. Support for amended independent Claims 1, 5, 6, 9 and 10 can be found in the original specification, claims and drawings.¹ No new matter is presented.

As an initial matter, Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statements filed December 5, 2005 and September 28, 2005 be considered and initialed by the Examiner.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Aotake (U.S. Patent 6,411,771); and Claims 16-25 were indicated as allowed. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claims 1, 5, 6, 9 and 10 recite novel features clearly not taught or rendered obvious by the applied references.

Amended Claim 1 relates to an information processing apparatus with a first user interface configured to receive instructions to schedule a recording of a moving picture corresponding to a received television broadcast signal. The information processing apparatus then records (in a first recording means) the moving picture in at least one recording increment, and also records (in a second recording means) a still picture corresponding to a predetermined one of the recording increments of the moving picture. The information processing apparatus also includes a user interface configured to receive a user instruction to modify the moving picture recorded in the first recording means.

¹ e.g., specification at Figs. 1 and 27-28.

Specifically, amended Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, an information processing apparatus, comprising:

...a first user interface configured to receive instructions to schedule recording of a moving picture corresponding to a received television broadcast signal at a future date...

Independent Claims 5-6 and 9-10 are similarly amended. Therefore, the arguments presented below are also applicable to these claims.

Turning to the applied reference, Aotake describes a picture processing apparatus which uses screen change parameters to capture still images representative of various points in a recorded image. Fig. 8 of Aotake depicts a user interface allowing a user to record a moving picture, and Fig. 15 depicts the user interface displayed during image reproduction. Col. 8, lines 19-37 of Aotake describes that a source of the moving picture may include a television tuner (213A).

Aotake, however, fails to teach or suggest an interface configured to receive instructions to ***schedule recording of a moving picture corresponding to a received television broadcast signal at a future date***, as recited in amended independent Claim 1.

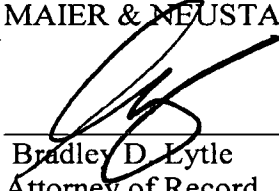
As discussed above, Figs. 8 and 15 of Aotake show in the interfaces used to record and reproduce image data. However, neither interface allows a user to schedule the recording of moving image data at a future date. Further, while Aotake does describe that his system may include a TV tuner, the system is primarily suited for reading image data from a tape or other recording medium and processing this data. Thus, Aotake fails to provide any motivation or suggestion of why one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to add a user interface configured to receive instructions to ***schedule recording of a moving picture corresponding to a received television broadcast signal at a future date***, as recited in amended independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 1, as well as dependent Claims 2-4 patentably define over Aotake. For substantially the same reasons as given with respect to amended Claim 1, it is also submitted that Claims 5-6 and 9-10 patentably define over Wactlar.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-6, 9-10 and 16-25 is definite and patentably distinguishing over the prior art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore requested

Respectfully submitted,

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